

Remarks

Claims 38-72 are withdrawn and have been made the subject of divisional applications.

Species claims 12-14, 17-18, and 33-34 now depend, directly or indirectly, from allowable generic claims and therefore should now be allowable. More specifically, claims 12-14 and 17-18 now depend from allowable claim 2, which has been rewritten in independent form. Claims 33-34 now depend from allowable claim 25, which has been rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1 and 19 have been canceled.

Rejected claims 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, and 35, previously dependent from rejected claim 19, have been amended to depend from allowable claim 25, which has been rewritten in independent form.

The status of claim 37 is not understood. The introductory summary of the Office action indicates that it has been withdrawn. However, no reason is given for its withdrawal, and it is believed that its withdrawal is in error. Claim 37 depends from allowable claim 32, which in turn depends, indirectly, from allowable claim 25, now in independent form. Accordingly, reconsideration of the withdrawal and allowance of claim 37 is requested.

The remaining dependent claims indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form, or to depend from an allowable independent claim, including claims 3-11, 15-16, 26, 28-32, and 36, all now depend from allowable independent claims 2 or 25.

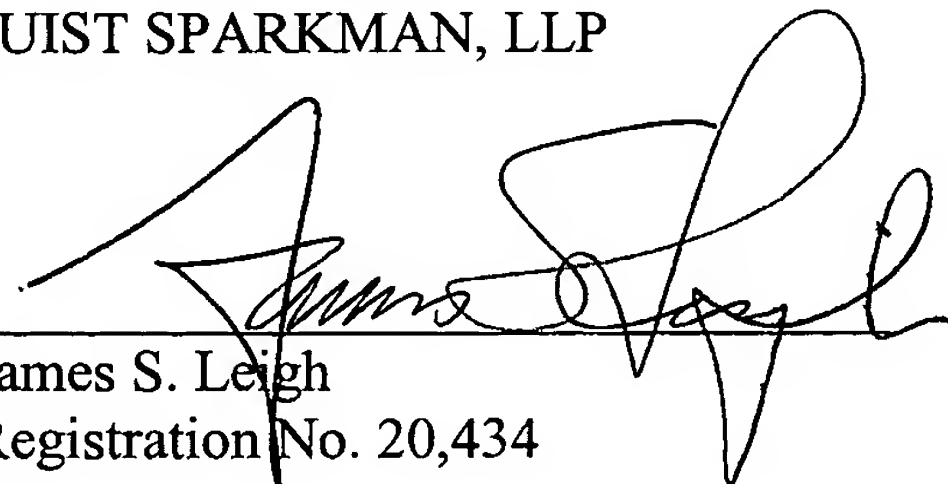
In addition, new claims 73-77 have been added. Independent claim 73 is a combination of original rejected claims 19 and 27, and allowable claim 28. Dependent claims 74-77 correspond to original allowable claims 29, 30, 33, and 34, respectively, except for their dependence from new independent claim 73.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, claims 2-18, 20-37, and 73-77 should now be in condition for allowance, and early action to this end is respectfully requested. If for any reason they are not, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney to discuss what further action may be needed to facilitate the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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